

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended to recite the method step positively in gerund form in accordance with U.S. practice. Claims 2-13 have been amended to delete the phrase "characterized in that" and conform the claim to U.S. practice. Claims 3-11 and 13 have been amended to depend solely on claim 1, thereby eliminating multiple dependency. Claim 5 has been amended to recite proper Markush group language. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and respectfully request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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